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To permit travel to or from Cuba by United States citizens and lawful
resident aliens in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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and lawful resident aliens in the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom to Travel
5 to Cuba Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAVEL TO CUBA.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 (1) FREEDOM OF TRAVEL FOR UNITED STATES
9 CITIZENS AND LAWFUL RESIDENT ALIENS.—Except
10 as provided in subsection (b), the President shall not

1 prohibit or regulate, directly or indirectly, travel to
2 or from Cuba by United States citizens or lawful
3 resident aliens in the United States, or any of the
4 transactions incident to such travel that are de-
5 scribed in paragraph (2).

6 (2) TRANSACTIONS INCIDENT TO TRAVEL.—

7 (A) COVERED TRANSACTIONS.—Except as
8 provided in subparagraph (B), the transactions
9 referred to in paragraph (1) are—

10 (i) any transaction ordinarily inci-
11 dental to travel to or from Cuba, including
12 the importation into Cuba or the United
13 States of accompanied baggage for per-
14 sonal use only;

15 (ii) any transaction ordinarily incident
16 to travel to or maintenance within Cuba,
17 including the payment of living expenses
18 and the acquisition of goods or services for
19 personal use;

20 (iii) any transaction ordinarily inci-
21 dent to the arrangement, promotion, or fa-
22 cilitation of travel to, from, or within
23 Cuba;

24 (iv) any transaction incident to non-
25 scheduled air, sea, or land voyages, except

1 that this clause does not authorize the car-
2 riage of articles into Cuba or the United
3 States except for baggage accompanying
4 travel to such country; and

5 (v) any normal banking transaction
6 incident to any activity described in any of
7 the preceding clauses, including the
8 issuance, clearing, processing, or payment
9 of checks, drafts, travelers checks, credit
10 or debit card instruments, or similar in-
11 struments.

12 (B) EXEMPTED TRANSACTIONS.—Subpara-
13 graph (A) does not apply to the importation
14 into the United States for personal consumption
15 of any goods acquired in Cuba.

16 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a)(1) does not
17 apply—

18 (1) during any period in which—

19 (A) a state of war exists between the
20 United States and Cuba;

21 (B) armed hostilities between the two
22 countries are in progress; or

23 (C) armed hostilities between the two
24 countries are imminent; or

1 (2) in any case in which to apply such sub-
2 section would pose imminent danger to the public
3 health or the physical safety of United States trav-
4 elers.

5 (c) SUPERSEDES OTHER PROVISIONS.—This section
6 supersedes any other provision of law, including section
7 102(h) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity
8 (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6032(h)).

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section applies to ac-
10 tions taken by the President before the date of enactment
11 of this Act that are in effect on such date and to actions
12 taken on or after such date.

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